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FOLLOWING IS REPEAT CAIRO 14280, SENT SECSTATE 29 AUG:

QUOTE S E C R E T CAIRO 14280

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PLO EG US

SUBJ: PLO ACCEPTANCE OF RESOLUTION 242

REF: (A) STATE 205657, (B) SECTO 9049, (C) CAIRO 14145

1. RE PARA 3, REF A, HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH FAHMY THIS MORNING TO TELL HIM WE HAVE ALERTED SAUDIS TO ASSERTIONS BEING MADE BY THE PLO THAT SAUDIS HAVE PROVIDED TRUNCATED VERSION OF OUR FORMULA AND TO ASK THAT SAUDIS EMPHASIZE TO PLO ESSENTIAL NATURE OF SECOND SENTENCE OF OUR FORMULA. ALSO RECONFIRMED TO FAHMY, AS I HAD FIRST DONE IN ALEXANDRIA,
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THAT THE SAME FORMULA HAS BEEN GIVEN TO ALL OF THE ARAB GOVERNMENTS INVOLVED. TOLD HIM I WOULD SEND HIM ANOTHER COPY OF THAT FORMULA JUST SO THERE WAS NO MISTAKE ABOUT IT.

2. FAHMY SAID HE WAS GLAD THAT WE HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE SAUDIS ABOUT THIS MATTER TO AVOID FURTHER CONFUSION. HE COULD NOT, OF COURSE, BE SURE THAT PLO LEADERSHIP IS

TELLING THE TRUTH, BUT THEY CONTINUE TO INSIST THAT SAUDI VERSION IS DIFFERENT FROM THAT GIVEN BY EGYPTIANS. IN TALK WITH ARAFAT AND FAHTAH LEADERSHIP YESTERDAY, HE HAD MADE CLEAR TO THEM THAT USG INSISTS ON SECOND SENTENCE. HE HAD ALSO INDICATED, FAHMY SAID, THAT HE MIGHT RPT MIGHT BE ABLE TO CONVINCE US TO ACCEPT LANGUAGE HE HAD EARLIER PROPOSED TO US SETTING FORTH PLO RESERVATION (PARA 6, REF C) IF PLO ADDED SECOND SENTENCE OF OUR FORMULA. FAHMY ASKED WHAT OUR VIEW WOULD BE ABOUT SUCH A FORMULATION.

3. WHILE HE DID NOT SPECIFICALLY GIVE IT, FAHMY'S NEW FORMULATION WOULD PRESUMABLY BE SOMETHING AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE: THE PLO'S RESERVATION ON UN RESOLUTION 242 IS THAT IT DOES NOT MAKE ADEQUATE REFERENCE TO THE PALESTINE QUESTION AND TO THE NATIONAL RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIANS AND IT FAILS TO MAKE ANY REFERENCE TO A HOMELAND FOR THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE. IT IS RECOGNIZED THAT THE LANGUAGE OF RESOLUTION 242 RELATES TO THE RIGHT OF ALL PEOPLE IN THE MIDDLE EAST TO LIVE IN PEACE. UNQUOTE.

4. FAHMY ALSO ASKED IF THERE HAD BEEN ANY REACTION TO HIS PROPOSAL (PARA 5, REF C) THAT PRESIDENT CARTER SEND PRESIDENT SADAT, OR THAT THE SECRETARY SEND FAHMY, SOME KIND OF AN "ASSURANCE" THAT WHAT IS MEANT BY THE PALESTINIAN QUOTE HOMELAND UNQUOTE OR QUOTE ENTITY SECRET

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UNQUOTE IS THE WEST BANK OR GAZA WITH MINOR RECTIFICATION. I NOTED THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO COMMENT ON THAT IDEA, WHICH SUGGESTED TO ME THAT WE DID NOT CONSIDER ANY SUCH ASSURANCE TO BE FEASIBLE. I REMINDED HIM THAT WE HAVE REGULARLY MADE IT CLEAR THAT NATURE OF PALESTINIAN "ENTITY" MUST BE NEGOTIATED BY THE PARTIES. HE STILL WONDERED IF SOME SUCH "ASSURANCE" MIGHT NOT BE POSSIBLE.

5. FAHMY CLAIMED ARAFAT AND PLO LEADERSHIP ASSERT THEY ARE STILL LOOKING FOR A "FLEXIBLE" WAY TO ENGAGE IN A DIALOGUE WITH US. HE SAID HE HAD ALSO TAKEN THEM TO TASK FOR CONDEMNING U.S. IN PCC STATEMENT. EILTS UNQUOTE. VANCE

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